HCS HB 831 -- ST. LOUIS PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

SPONSOR: Baringer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows airport police officers in the Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis the option of remaining in that retirement plan or to transfer their creditable service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Any member transferring is subject to the conditions and requirements of Section 105.691, RSMo, relating to agreements to transfer service between plans.

The bill has an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to SB 296 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this gives St. Louis airport police officers the ability to opt into the St. Louis Police Department retirement system, which they do not currently have.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Baringer; St. Louis Police Officers Association; and Mark Lawson, City of St. Louis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.